



Source: European Commission

"The EU is the first partner of the Sahel. We want to help the region be safer, stronger and provide opportunities for the future of its people, especially the youth. To achieve this, together, we must make security and development go hand in hand, one can't happen without the other."

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker

Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission and Jean-Claude Juncker, European Commission President

On 23 February 2018, the European Commission is hosting the International High Level Conference on the Sahel in Brussels to strengthen international support for the Sahel region. This is part of the EU's longstanding partnership with the Sahel region.

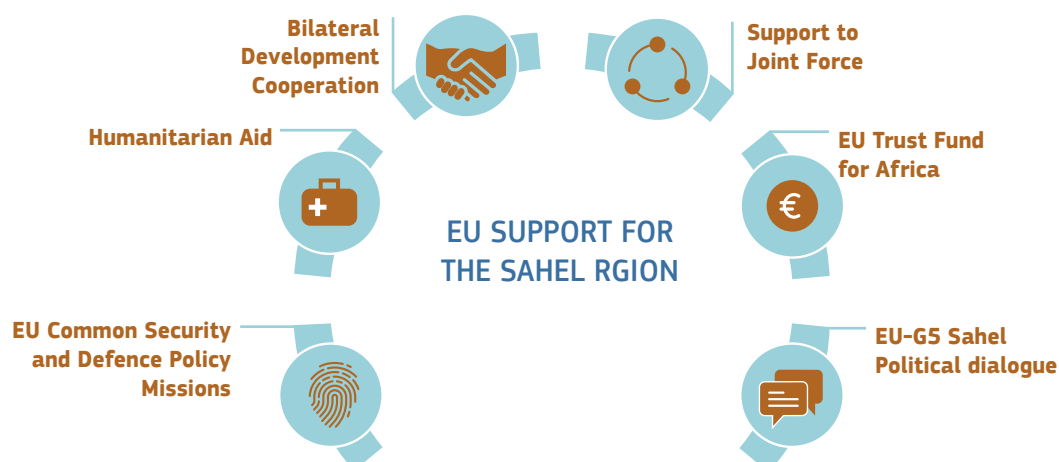


€8 billion in development assistance to the region 2014-2020 (EU Commission and EU Member States)

€843 million committed through the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa for G5 Sahel countries

€100 million initial contribution to the Joint Force of the G5 Sahel

EU ACTION FOR A STRONGER SAHEL REGION



THE EU AND THE G5 SAHEL: POLITICAL PARTNERS

The EU is a strong political partner of the G5 Sahel countries, composed of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger. The EU has supported the G5 Sahel since it was set up in 2014 to foster close cooperation in the region.

INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

With €8 billion over 2014-2020, the EU makes concrete investments in people in the Sahel to forge a better life. Our projects focus on reducing poverty, improving food security, promoting sound and transparent public finances and strengthening infrastructure.

In addition to long standing cooperation, the [EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa](#) for Africa has also stepped up support to the Sahel region, with its aim to tackle the root causes of instability and irregular migration and create opportunities for youth.

Currently **55 projects** are being carried out in the region. Trust Fund projects support the return of the State, promote governance and social and economic development and prevent radicalisation and violent extremism.









Source: European Union
High Representative/Vice President Federica Mogherini has hosted G5 Foreign Ministers in Brussels and attended respective meetings in Mali and Chad.









Source: European Commission
Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica, on a visit to N'Djamena, Chad




DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE G5 SAHEL - EXAMPLES

Youth and Stabilisation Programme - PROJES			
	Country	Mali	Aims to promote stabilisation and socioeconomic recovery by strengthening the supply and access to basic services. PROJES will also complement notably PARSEC - "Programme d'Appui au Renforcement de la Sécurité dans les Régions de Mopti et Gao et à la gestion des zones frontalières", which aims at supporting the Malian government in its efforts to redeploy internal security forces and restore the rule of law in unstable areas in line with the recently adopted Integrated Security plan for the Central Regions.
	Funding amount	€30 million	
	Partner	GIZ - Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit	

Hybrid Solar Centre			
	Country	Niger	This project will construct a hybrid solar centre in Agadez to provide better access to renewable energy and energy services, improving the socioeconomic conditions and creating jobs for people in Niger. It will support the Nigerien Ministry of Energy and the national electricity company Nigelec.
	Funding amount	€16 million	
	Partner	Agence Française de Développement	

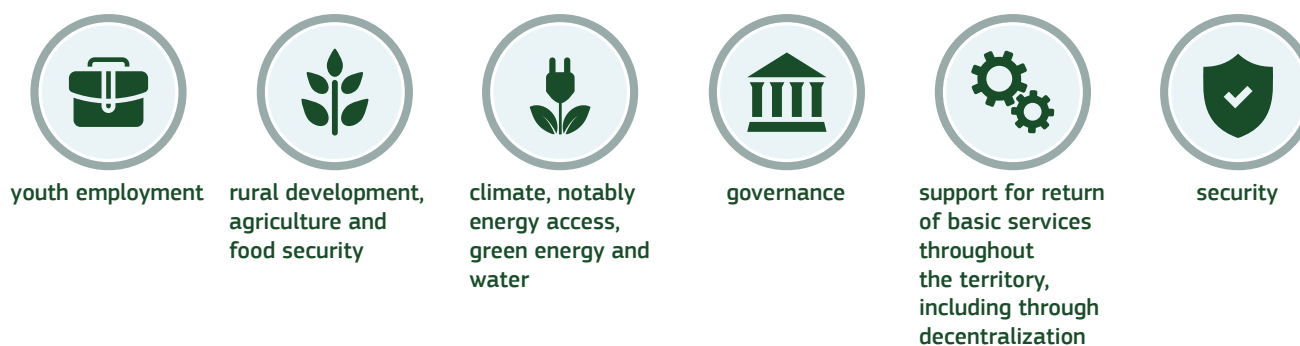
Budget Support to the Emergency Programme for the Sahel			
	Country	Burkina Faso	This project aims to improve security as well as development in the North of the country. The project focuses on 1) security and local governance and 2 development of human capital of the “Plan National de Développement Economique et Social”
	Funding amount	€50 million	
	Partner	Government of Burkina Faso	

Renforcement des Investissements Productifs et Energétiques en Mauritanie pour le Développement Durable des zones rurales			
	Country	Mauritania	To reinforce the resilience of the populations exposed to food and nutritional insecurity in Mauritania in the context of climate change. It specifically aims at improving the access of these populations to basic and productive services and infrastructure.
	Funding amount	€35 million and €1.8 million of co-financing by Agence Française de Développement	
	Partner	Agence Belge de Développement and Agence Française de Développement	

SECGEF - SECurité et GEstion des Frontières			
	Country	Chad	This project, through budget support, aims to improve the capacities of the internal security forces and strengthening State policies and strategies in terms of security, and in particular the management of borders.
	Funding amount	€10 million	
	Partner	Government of Chad	

THE ALLIANCE FOR THE SAHEL

Set up in July 2017, the EU is a member of this new initiative to enhance the stability and development of the region through improved coordination and faster delivery of projects and aid. The Alliance for the Sahel focusses on six priority areas:



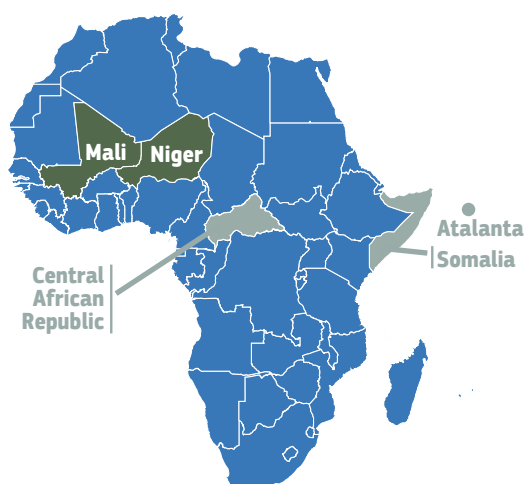
SUPPORTING SECURITY AND FIGHTING TERRORISM: THE G5 SAHEL JOINT FORCE

To step up action on security, particularly in border areas in the Sahel countries which face terrorist and security threats, the G5 Sahel countries have set up their own regional security force. The EU has fully supported this African led initiative from the very beginning and has already provided an initial contribution of €50 million to help set it up. The EU also provides professional military advice and expertise through its CSDP missions on the ground. First results can already be seen: the Joint Force reached its Initial Operational Capability on 17 October 2017 and a first operation has been conducted at the end of October.

Building on the EU's defence planning capacity and expertise, the EU has set up a one of a kind **Coordination Hub** to gather together the many offers of international support to the G5 Joint Force. The Hub is already up and running and enables donors to channel much needed assistance. In practice it works by matching the offers of donors to a Recognised List of Needs provided and determined by the Joint Force.

THE EU'S CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MISSIONS IN THE REGION

The EU's 3 active Common Security and Defence Policy missions in the region (EUCAP Sahel Niger, EUCAP Sahel Mali, EUTM Mali) provide additional support to the G5 Sahel Joint Force through advice and expertise. These missions focus on providing training and advice to local security forces to strengthen their capacities to address security threats and challenges and enhance stability in the region.



EU military and civilian missions and operations:

- in the Sahel countries
- other EU missions in Sub-Saharan Africa

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

The EU provides lifesaving humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable across the Sahel region. In 2017, the European Commission allocated €234 million in humanitarian assistance for:

